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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

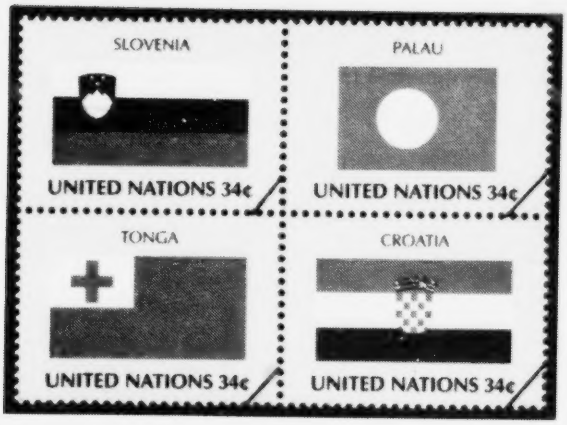
Subject: **First day of issue: 25 May 2001 — Flag series and definitive stamps and stationery**

Flag stamps

1. On Friday, 25 May 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will continue with the stamps of the flag series by releasing eight new stamps illustrating the flags of an additional eight Member States of the United Nations. The two different sheets of sixteen stamps will accommodate four different flags, each in blocks of four. The denominations of the new stamps will be 34 cents. The countries are:

Sheet 47 — Slovenia, Palau, Tonga, Croatia

Sheet 48 — The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kiribati, Andorra, Nauru



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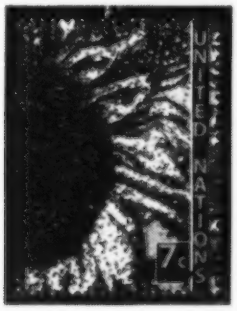
Definitive stamps and stationery

2. On 25 May 2001, two new definitive stamps in denominations of 7 and 34 cents will be issued to meet current and make-up postage rates. They are each printed in sheets of 20 stamps. The stamps were designed by Rorie Katz (United Nations).



3. On 25 May 2001, UNPA will issue a 34-cent pre-stamped envelope in both standard and large sizes to conform with current postage rates. A new 70-cent air letter and a 70-cent postal card will also be released on the same day.

General information

4. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Friday, 25 May 2001, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) Counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

5. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

6. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.